

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF THE EUGENICS STERILIZATION PROGRAM

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RECOMMENDATION 1: MONETARY COMPENSATION

The House Select Committee on Compensation for Victims of the Eugenics Sterilization Program recommends that the General Assembly appropriate funds sufficient to provide each confirmed survivor of the North Carolina State Eugenics Sterilization Program with a cash payment in the amount of \$20,000.

RECOMMENDATION 2: MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING BENEFITS

The House Select Committee on Compensation for Victims of the Eugenics Sterilization Program recommends that the General Assembly enact legislation to create a Eugenics Survivors Assistance Program to provide mental health benefits to all remaining survivors of the North Carolina State Eugenics Sterilization Program.

RECOMMENDATION 3: DATABASE OF EUGENICS PROGRAM RECORDS

The House Select Committee on Compensation for Victims of the Eugenics Sterilization Program recommends that the General Assembly enact legislation to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to immediately establish a database to store and access all relevant data from the records of the State Eugenics Program currently housed in the State Archives and appropriate \$38,648 to the Department to accomplish this task.

RECOMMENDATION 4: VERIFY STATUS OF SELF-IDENTIFIED SURVIVORS

The House Select Committee on Compensation for Victims of the Eugenics Sterilization Program recommends that the General Assembly enact legislation to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to immediately verify the status of individuals who have contacted the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, DHHS, during the course of the past several years and require DHHS to verify these individuals' status as State Eugenics Program participants and report their findings to the individuals as soon as possible.